

REMARKS

Claims 66-91, 98, 99, 101-113, 115-117, 332-340 and 347-349 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 79, 101 and 105 are objected to by the Examiner.

Claims 98-99, 117, and 347-349 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WICHMANN et al. (Cell Tissue Kinetics (1979) vol. 12, pp. 551-567) in view of THOMAS (US 5,879,673).

Claims 79, 101 and 105 have been amended to overcome the noted objections.

Claims 98-99, 117 and 347-349 were rejected only under section 112 grounds and not based on the above cited prior art in the Office Actions dated May 18, 2004, October 6, 2003 and April 6, 2003. In the previous response, the Applicant amended these claims to overcome the section 112 rejections and placed claims 98, 117, 347 and 349 in independent form to expedite allowance of this case. However, the term "human" was omitted in the preamble. These claims have now been revised to recite a "thrombopoietic lineage in a general human patient." Therefore, they have been placed in the forms they were in when they were found to be free of the cited prior art in the above-mentioned three previous office actions.

Since there are no other pending grounds for the rejection of the claims, they should be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

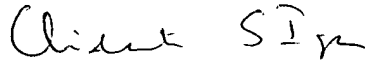
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 09/827,229

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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